would affact the viability of the project; and

(iv) IFFCO's resources are committed to the Aonla Project and revamping of the existing units.

**Land reforms in Bihar**

3173. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that implementation of land reform measures continue to remain unsatisfactory in Bihar:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to ensure the effective implementation of these measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Attention of the Central Government has been drawn towards unsatisfactory implementation of land reforms in Bihar.

(b) Among the reasons generally attributed to the slow progress of land reforms, the more prominent are : inadequate implementation machinery, heavy litigation and insufficient number of courts, lack of awareness and organisation among rural poor tenants and share-croppers and their inability to fight cases in courts, lack of proper orientation of law and order machinery and insufficient determination on the part of Government.

(c) Land being a State subject, remedial action has to be taken by the State Government. The State Government have reported the following measures taken by them for effective implementation of land rforms:—

(i) Recently, Bihar Tenancy Act has been amended with a view to confer ownership rights to the share-croppers. The collectors of the districts have been given powers to ensure that after the conferment of ownership rights to the share-croppers, they are kept in continuous peaceful possession. Restrictions have also been imposed on the transfer of such lands wherein share-croppers' rights are involved.

(ii) Some more amendments in the law are on the anvil to check transfer of land belonging to tribals and protect tribals' interest in their land. Administrative machinery in tribal areas is being strengthened to identify cases of alienation of tribal land and their disposal.

(iii) A law has been enacted for constituting a tribunal under Article 323-B of the Constitution for expeditious disposal of pending litigation connected with ceiling laws. The tribunal will start functioning shortly.

(iv) Special drives for disposal of revenue and land reform matters are being held. Instructions have been issued to District Officers to ensure that allottees of ceiling surplus lands are not dispossessed.

(v) State Government have also announced a scheme for rewarding persons who bring to light cases of suppressed holdings of land in excess of ceiling limit. All available Government land is also being settled with eligible beneficiaries.

(vi) Law and order machinery has been directed to give prompt and timely help to safeguard the rights and possession of people to whom land has been distributed. Monitoring Committee has been constituted at the district level to review the action taken in this regard.

**Development of 'Shakti Sthal'**

3174. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: